

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8.18–25

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Matthew 6.25–34



CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON

Christ Church West Wimbledon

The post of Vicar is currently Vacant

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SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2023
Second Sunday before Lent



Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

God our creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set at the
heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life
and the heart of your Church:
may we now have been nourished at your
table on earth be transformed by the glory
of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-end

No 8am Service

10am Parish Eucharist

led by Rev'd Rachel Taylor

(No Junior Church / Senior Church)

HYMNS: 743, 373, 6, 575

Green / World Prayer

Father of Creation, God of Compassion,
in this time of climate breakdown
wake us from our slumber,
equip us afresh to our priestly and prophetic calling.

That we would speak truth in a culture of denial.
that we would enact hope in a culture of despair.
That we would face what will be
with love-filled action.
That in humanity's darkest hour
you would enliven us, so we would bandage the
wounds of those caught beneath the wheels
of climate injustice.
That in humanity's darkest hour
we would have the courage to drive a spoke
into the wheel of climate injustice itself. **Amen.**

6.30pm BCP Sung Evensong

READINGS

Proverbs 8.1,22-31; Revelation 4

HYMNS:

19, 410, 2 and Psalm 100

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Father David Pennells, Wendy Rafferty, George Greenshields.

Those who have died: John Taylor, Sally Day, Martin Evans, Yvonne Bentley

Those whose anniversary falls at this time: Gertrude Deedman (1998); Irene Mills (2008); Stephen Perkins (2022)

Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Zimbabwe.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY

NO TODDLER GROUP Half term holiday

SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY

SUNDAY next before LENT

8am No Service today

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

led by Rev'd Mandy Hodgson

with Junior Church / Senior Church

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

QUESTIONNAIRE A leaflet with three questions has been distributed, to help the PCC in our recruitment of a new Vicar. Please take the leaflet home to fill in. There is a box for completed sheets at the back of church. You can also email responses to the parish office. The deadline is **TODAY** 12th February.

CHURCH CLEANING Could you spare an hour or two once a month to help keep our church clean? We have a vacancy on our volunteer cleaning team from February. Please contact Liz Errington via the parish office for further information.

CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB The book club at Christ Church has been going for over 20 years and still has some original members! We are very sorry to be losing Mike who was an enthusiastic member when time allowed. Why not join us to enjoy a varied selection of books. We are currently still meeting on Zoom on Thursday afternoons every two months so there is plenty of time to read the chosen books. We started out following recommendations from the Church Times but now we read a wide variety of books, mainly fiction but some biographies, some classics really anything recommended by our members.

Unlike some Book Clubs there is no obligation to cook meals, provide homemade cakes or even choose the books just come and enjoy a good discussion. Everyone is welcome – men and women and you don't have to read every book. For further information contact Lynda Coleman via ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk

TRAIDCRAFT STALL 2022 & NEW HELPER

Thank you for supporting the Christ Church Traidcraft Stall last year. Together we bought over £2,300 of fairly traded goods (that's a lot of chocolate!) We've exceeded our sales in 2019 and are delighted to have recovered from the worst of the pandemic. We've supported producers in lower income countries – a small step towards justice for the world's poor. From our profit, we've made a donation of £250 to the church. Thank you to our junior helpers on the stall and to you our customers, especially the chocoholics amongst you! Would you like to help run the stall? Could you help about once a month to set up for ten minutes before the 10.00am service, serve and then put away at the end. Please talk to Julie, Tish, Ian or Lucy on the stall.

A Memorial service for the late **Margaret Thornton** will be held in church on Monday 20th February, at 10.30am.

The Funeral service for the late **Sally Day** will take place in church on Friday 3rd March at 11.30am.

The Funeral for **Martin Evans** will take place in Church on Tuesday 7th March at 12.30pm, followed by a reception in the Church Hall. The family will attend the burial after the service and return to join us at around 2.40pm.

WORLDWIDE DAY OF PRAYER 2023 from the women of Taiwan, on Friday 3rd March, 10.30am, at Martin Way Methodist Church SW20 9JZ. Light refreshments available after the service. All are welcome. www.wwdp.org.uk

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP NOTES

The renewal order for BRF notes has to be submitted early in February. If any subscribers want to cancel or change their order or if anyone wants to place a new order, please let Jenny Tomlinson know.

CHRISTIAN CARE currently needs the following items of furniture: strong wooden bed frames; chest of drawers; manageable wardrobes; modestly sized sofas with fire labels; compact dining tables and chairs. Please email offers attaching photo and measurements to christiancaremerton@gmail.com For more information speak to Pat Spencer or Chris Larkman. <https://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk/Project>

We have received thanks from Christian Care for the monies we sent following Christmas collections. With the money they were able to share hampers and small gifts for children and young people. They said that Christ Church was generous. They are expecting 2023 to be challenging for many families.

This month's edition of **THE BRIDGE** can be read and download from: southwark.anglican.org/thebridge

INTERREGNUM PRAYER

Merciful God,
whose love is freely given
to all in this Parish and Congregation,
and throughout your whole creation,
help us to grow in that love
during our interregnum and the future.
Give us wisdom and courage,
in our search for a new vicar,
in the tasks that need to be done in the meantime,
and in the holding together of the congregation.
In the name of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.